

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY  
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE**



**1988—2008**

**Board of Supervisors  
Chesterfield County, Virginia**

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Committee on the Future  
Chesterfield County

Dear committee members,

On behalf of Chesterfield County government I wish to extend congratulations to the Committee on the Future in celebration of its 20th anniversary of service to the county.

The information and recommendations provided to county departments have been valuable in helping us to address issues important to the future of our community. Your hard work and continuing service has enabled us to recognize challenges, be forward thinking in our approach to critical issues, and offered creative solutions, ideas and recommendations.

Let me express gratitude for your dedication to service and assistance in making Chesterfield County a FIRST CHOICE community and recognized leader in local government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay", written over the word "Sincerely,".

James J.L. Stegmaier  
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## **Board of Supervisors**

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**Arthur S. Warren**  
**Clover Hill District**

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### **Committee on the Future Chesterfield County**

Dear past and present appointees,

As chairman of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Committee on the Future on the occasion of its 20th anniversary of service to the county.

Over the last two decades the information and recommendations given by those serving on this committee have helped guide policy decisions and provided a futuristic perspective on many issues. We thank the forty-six residents who have served on this committee since 1988 for their insightful reports and continuous efforts to identify and address future challenges and opportunities facing our county in the 21st century.

The residents of Chesterfield County applaud your past work and look forward to future service by dedicated county citizens.

Sincerely,



Art Warren, chairman  
Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors

## History and Authority

*“The Board of Supervisors may appoint a committee on the future of the county consisting of equal representation from each magisterial district. The committee shall meet periodically and shall prepare reports and make recommendations concerning changes in governmental structure, revisions to fiscal and land use planning, and any other matters concerning approaches to meeting the governmental needs of the people of Chesterfield in the future. The committee shall meet at least annually with the Board of Supervisors and shall prepare a written report detailing its forecast of the condition of the County in the future and means by which the County can cope with future needs or problems that are likely to occur in the future. The committee shall seek to anticipate long-range problems and changes within the County and develop solutions that can be considered by elected officials to lessen any adverse effect on the County of future changes. The scope of the committee’s responsibilities shall not be limited by any current categories of perceived long-range issues facing the County. Staff support shall be provided by the Planning Department and such other County departments as are deemed necessary by the committee. The Board of Supervisors shall be required to respond in writing to all issues, concerns, or solutions raised in the committee’s annual report.”*

Authority: 1987 Session on Virginia Acts of assembly Chapter 12 (H872), better known as Chesterfield County Charter; Board of Supervisors resolution appointing members on July 27, 1988.

## History and Authority

The Committee is authorized by Section 7.5 of the County Charter (approved 1987) to identify the challenges facing the County in the future and make recommendations on solutions and strategies for meeting those challenges. This charter committee was the forerunner to the Committee on the Future in that it looked well ahead to envision the needs of the county from ALL aspects. The organizers of the charter adopted four principles to guide them: accountability; ultimate power of the people; protection of the integrity of the county government; and, efficiency of government operation.

As stated in the Committee on the Future bylaws, the purpose shall be as follows:

- to **forecast** comprehensive, long-range conditions in the county;
- to **make recommendations** for resolution of issues in the long-range;
- to **provide information** designed to guide elected officials toward a realistic long-range plan for Chesterfield County in the 21st century; and,
- to **expand thinking** beyond present-day limitations, presenting a view not necessarily bound by what will be, but embracing what can be.

**1987**—Chesterfield County Charter adopted

**1988**—first members appointed, bylaws written

**1990**—Vision 2020 completed with consultant

**1993**—Economic Development report presented

**1995**—Neighborhood Preservation report presented

**1999**—Youth Development report presented

**2002**—The Aging of the Population report presented

**2005**—Green Infrastructure report presented

**2008**—influences of global society study in progress

## Past Committee Members

### Bermuda District

appointed by The Honorable C.F. Currin Jr.

**Mr. David Sauer** (1988-1989)

**Mr. Reade Shook** (1988-1992)

**Mr. Harley Young** (1990-1992)

appointed by The Honorable J.L. "Jack" McHale III

**Dr. Wayne Virag** (1992-2000)

**Mrs. Dorothy Jaeckle** (1992-2003)

**Dr. Walter Beam** (2000-2007)

appointed by The Honorable R.M. "Dickie" King Jr.

**Mrs. Sarah Eastwood** (2004-2007)

appointed by The Honorable Dorothy Jaeckle

**Mr. Gary Thomson** (2008)

### Clover Hill District

appointed by The Honorable G. H. Applegate

**Mr. Ballard Parker III** (1988-1992)

**Ms. Marcia Crandall** (1988-1992)

appointed by The Honorable Arthur S. Warren

**Mr. Victor Liu** (1992-2005)

**Ms. Tracey Williamson** (1992-2005)

### Dale District

appointed by The Honorable Harry G. Daniel

**Mr. Joseph Biggs** (1988-1992)

**Mrs. Nancy Hudson** (1988-2005)

**Mr. Kenneth Hardt** (1992-1997)

appointed by The Honorable Kelly E. Miller

**Mr. Edward DeGennaro** (2000-2007)

## Past Committee Members

### Matoaca District

appointed by The Honorable Jesse J. Mayes

**Mr. J. Apperson** (1988-1992)

**Dr. Freddie Nicholas Sr.** (1988-1992)

appointed by The Honorable Whaley Colbert

**Ms. Cindy Shumaker** (1992-1995)

**Ms. Renny Bush Humphrey** (1992-1996)

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**Ms. Julee Walker** (1996-1998)

**Mr. Lloyd Lenhart** (1998-2000)

**Dr. Grace Norbrey** (1998-2005)

**Ms. Diane Horner Harring** (2000-2005)

**Mr. Kevin Salminen** (2005-2007)

### Midlothian District

appointed by The Honorable Maurice B. Sullivan

**Mr. David Fairchild** (1988-1989)

**Mr. A. Paul Cox Jr.** (1988-1992)

**Mr. Wilson Garnett** (1989-1992)

appointed by The Honorable Edward B. Barber

**Mr. William Shewmake** (1992-1996)

**Mr. Dan Franks** (1992-1996)

**Mr. Randy Welch** (1996)

**Mr. Douglas Pick** (1996)

**Mr. Daniel Gecker** (1996-2000)

**Mr. John Gibney Jr.** (1996-2003)

**Ms. Elizabeth Ludden** (2000-2005)

**Mr. Reuben Waller Jr.** (2004-2007)

## 2008 Committee Members

### Bermuda District



**Thomas A. Miller** was appointed to the committee in January 2008 by the Honorable Dorothy Jaeckle. Mr. Miller holds degrees in mechanical and industrial engineering and is currently employed as a defense contractor with Tapestry Solutions Inc.

### Bermuda District

**Richard M. Jacobs** was appointed to the committee in March 2008 by the Honorable Dorothy Jaeckle. Mr. Jacobs is a certified public accountant employed by Goodman & Company LLP. He is an active member in various community organizations.



### Clover Hill District



**Liu-Jen Chu** was appointed to the committee in April 2006 by the Honorable Arthur S. Warren. Mrs. Chu, a biochemist by profession, is part owner of an agricultural laboratory in Chesterfield County. She is a community advocate including leadership in the Asian-American Society of Central Virginia.

### Clover Hill District

**Dorothy S. Hudson** was appointed to the committee in September 2006 by the Honorable Arthur S. Warren. Mrs. Hudson retired as a customer service manager in the corrugated industry. A longtime resident of Chesterfield County, she is active in community activities.



### Dale District



**Thomas B. Owens** was appointed by the Honorable Kelly E. Miller and reappointed in February 2008 by the Honorable James "Jim" Holland. Mr. Owens, now retired, was the public affairs officer at Defense Supply Center Richmond. He is a longtime resident of Chesterfield County and works for the Virginia Senate when it is in session.



## 2008 Committee Members

### Dale District



**Andrea P. Brown** was appointed to the committee in February 2008 by the Honorable James “Jim” Holland. Ms. Brown is library manager for the Glen Allen branch of the Henrico County Public Library. She is involved in Friends of Chesterfield County Public Library, state associations and community activities.

### Matoaca District

**Edward L. DeGennaro**, COTF chairman, was initially appointed to the committee by the Honorable Kelly E. Miller. He represented the Dale District for eight years and was reappointed in January 2008 by the Honorable Marleen K. Durfee. Mr. DeGennaro, retired dean of the School of Health Sciences at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, is a private consultant to the optical products industry.



### Matoaca District



**Dr. James F. McClellan** was appointed to the committee by the Honorable Renny S. Humphrey and reappointed in January 2008 by the Honorable Marleen K. Durfee. Dr. McClellan, retired from Virginia State University as Distinguished Professor Emeritus, is active in county and Matoaca District community organizations.

### Midlothian District

**Dianne L. Mallory**, COTF vice-chairman, was appointed to the committee in April 2006; reappointed in January 2008 by the Honorable Daniel A. Gecker. Ms. Mallory is a resource development specialist and grant manager with the Virginia Department of Social Services. She is active with state and local education advisory committees and a facilitator for nonprofit corporations.



### Midlothian District



**Wendy McIndoe Austin** was appointed to the committee in January 2008 by the Honorable Daniel A. Gecker. Ms. Austin is program coordinator for Connect Network, an Internet-based capacity building tool to target change at the local level. She is active in the community and serves as a court-appointed special advocate.

# Reports 1988-2008

## 1990 VISION 2020

In VISION 2020, the committee sought — through focus groups, leadership retreats and individual interviews — the input of a wide range of citizens from both the county and region. All of the information and data collection for VISION 2020 centered around four topical areas: Education, Natural Environment, Transportation and Government Structure. These four areas served as a frame of reference for citizen input, and the committee synthesized the information into its recommendations for action.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Strategies For Success

Chesterfield County's existing quality of life cannot be preserved or improved without addressing the financial security of its future. In order to formulate strategies to improve economic development and the financial state of the county, the committee identified attributes businesses seek when selecting a new locality. Of these attributes, the committee selected education, development policies and human services as the focus of its report.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION: Strategies Now For Success in the Future

By preserving and improving neighborhoods, the government is able to more effectively utilize its resources, businesses have access to active commercial centers, and residents continue to enjoy a high quality of life. The major areas addressed in this report are community involvement through neighborhood organizations, the impact of area schools in defining and strengthening a community, the need for residents to feel safe in their neighborhoods, and the preservation, rehabilitation, and design of neighborhoods.

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

### Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders

The primary influences on youth fall into six categories, which form the subject areas of the report. The categories are parents, other youth, schools, community-based organizations, businesses and local government. The goal of the report is to have the public and private sectors develop a strong new ethic. The community as a whole must recognize that young people are a priority, that they can be an important resource for the community, and that it is the collective obligation of the community to work for the fullest development of young people.

## THE AGING OF THE POPULATION:

### Choices, Options and Benefits of Aging

The mission of this report was to enhance the lives of all Chesterfield County citizens. It offers suggestions that address the needs and opportunities of senior citizens in the areas of health, information services, mobility, education, social and leisure time, finances and housing. The body of the report has three main sections dealing with INFORMATION, INDEPENDENCE, and INVOLVEMENT. The committee believes that informed citizens would remain independent and involved for a longer part of their lives.

## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:

### Protecting Resources for Future Generations

This report is based on a vision of the residents of Chesterfield County enjoying a high quality of life in attractive urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods interspersed with public and private natural areas. All development is designed with nature, protecting cultural and natural resources for the benefit of the economy, the environment and the community. Interconnected greenways and waterways enable Chesterfield County residents to enjoy the beauties of the land, the air and the waters during all daily activities. To accomplish this vision, the Committee on the Future developed recommendations and strategies for consideration and implementation of a green-infrastructure plan. The mission of the committee's report is to enhance the quality of life in Chesterfield County by incorporating a green-infrastructure plan into the planning process as a critical public commitment to ensure social, economic and environmental benefits for present and future generations.

# Achievement Awards

## **1990 Achievement Award**, National Association of Counties **for Committee on the Future**

In recognition of continuing contributions to the cause of strong and efficient county government in the United States of America

## **1992 Achievement Award**, National Association of Counties **for 1990 Vision 2020 report**

In recognition of continuing contributions to the cause of strong and efficient county government in the United States

## **1994 Achievement Award**, National Association of Counties **for Economic Development: Strategies for Success**

In recognition of its distinguished and innovative contribution to improving and promoting county government in the United States

## **1996 Achievement Award**, National Association of Counties **for Neighborhood Preservation: Strategies Now for Success in the Future**

In recognition of its distinguished and innovative contribution to improving and promoting county government in the United States

## **1997 Achievement Award**, National Association of Counties **for Community Enhancement Program**

In recognition of an innovative program that contributes to and enhances county government in the United States

## **2000 Achievement Award**, National Association of Counties **for Youth Development: Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders**

In recognition of an innovative program that contributes to and enhances county government in the United States

## **2003 Achievement Award**, National Association of Counties **for Aging of the Population: Choices, Options and Benefits of Aging**

In recognition of an innovative program that contributes to and enhances county government in the United States

# Implementation Highlights

## 1990 VISION 2020

- The Village of Midlothian Volunteer Coalition was formed in 1991
- Community Development Block Grant office business liaison was named the 1994
- Planning and partnering with Greater Richmond Partnership began in 1995
- The Meadowbrook Area Community Council formed in 1997
- The Office of Environmental Management was established in 2001
- The goal “To be responsible protectors of the environment” was added to the county’s strategic plan in 2003
- Video-streaming of Board of Supervisors meetings began in 2008



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Strategies For Success

- The first specialty academic program opened at Clover Hill High School in 1994
- Ettrick Community Center was completed in 1995
- The VCU School of Engineering opened in 1995
- Regional planning forums began in 1995
- Riverfront Plan was adopted in 1997



# Implementation Highlights

## NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION: Strategies Now For Success in the Future

- Community Enhancement Program began in 1996
- Maintenance of school grounds by Parks and Recreation began in 1996
- Expansion of the Community Policing program began in 1989
- School resource officer program began in 1998
- Incentive Program for Rehabilitation of Residential Properties began in 1996
- Organization of Chester Community Association began in 2001
- Revitalization Office began in 2005 followed by Sustain Our Communities Committee in 2007
- Traditional Neighborhood Development district adopted in 2008



## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders

- Boys and Girls Club of America at Falling Creek Middle School began in 2003
- STEPP (Success Through Education and Proactive Policing) expanded to middle schools in 2003
- Chesterfield County named one of 100 best communities for youth each year 2006-2008
- Youth Services Board began in 1978 and continues to be a strong voice in the community
- Community Youth Forum began in 1995 and continues to be held annually



# Implementation Highlights

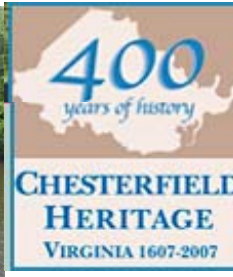
## THE AGING OF THE POPULATION: Choices, Options and Benefits of Aging

- Office of Senior Advocate created in 2002
- Lifelong Learning Institute opened in 2005
- ACCESS Chesterfield coordinated transportation program began in 2005
- Chesterfield County/Senior Navigator Partnership began in 2004



## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: Protecting Resources for Future Generations

- Water Quality roundtable began in 2004
- Chesterfield Heritage Alliance created in 2006 to facilitate cooperation among the historical organizations in the county
- Decision made in 2008 to include a green infrastructure plan in the revision of comprehensive plan
- Bridge opened in 2008 completing the trail loop in Dutch Gap Conservation Area







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